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1. Pursuant to orders of the Party, officials and members of KKE have joined the religious sect of the Millennialists, or Jehovah's Witnesses.
2. This is interesting because this sect forbids its followers to use deadly weapons, and consequently the members of KKE will find an area of activity in spreading defeatist propaganda and propaganda for avoiding compulsory military service in the struggle against the guerrillas.
3. This sect is gaining ground not only in the Athens-Piraeus area but also in some of the provinces, e.g. in Crete.
4. This religious group is known under the name of Russelites (after the name of the founder, an American named Charles Russell) or Millennialists, or Jehovah's Witnesses. They prefer the last name.
5. Concealed under this religious cloak the members of KKE are meeting for "Party work".

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